

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MICHAEL LEE JOHNSON,)	
)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 0:07-720-TLW-BM
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
LAURENS COUNTY JAIL,)	
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)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

This action has been filed by the Plaintiff, pro se, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff, who was a pretrial detainee at the Laurens County Jail at the time this action was filed, alleges violations of his constitutional rights by the Defendant.

In an order issued March 28, 2007, Plaintiff was specifically instructed as follows:

You are ordered to always keep the Clerk of Court advised **in writing**...if your address changes for any reason, so as to assure that orders or other matters that specify deadlines for you to meet will be received by you. If as a result of your failure to comply with this order, you fail to file something you are required to file within a deadline set by a District Judge or a Magistrate Judge, your case may be dismissed for violating this order. Therefore, if you have a change of address before this case has ended, you must comply with this order by immediately advising the Clerk of Court in writing of such change of address....**Your failure to do so will not be excused by the Court.** (emphasis added)

See Order filed March 28, 2007; see also Order filed April 20, 2007.

However, on August 8, 2008 an order was issued by The Honorable Terry L. Wooten, United States District Judge, wherein Judge Wooten remanded this action to the undersigned for further pretrial matters. See Order filed August 8, 2008. Plaintiff's copy of Judge Wooten's order was returned to the Clerk of Court on August 25, 2008, with the envelope being marked "RTS"



(return to sender) and “not here”. Therefore, it appears that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the Court’s previous orders, and as a result neither the Court nor the Defendant have any means of contacting him concerning his case.

Based on the foregoing, and the previous instructions and specific warning given to the Plaintiff in the Court’s orders of March 28, 2007 and April 20, 2007, it is recommended that this action be **dismissed, with prejudice**, in accordance with Rule 41(b), Fed.R.Civ.P. The Clerk is directed to send this Report and Recommendation to Plaintiff at his last known address.

If the Plaintiff notifies the Court within the time set forth for filing objections to this Report and Recommendation that he wishes to continue with this case and provides a current address, the Clerk is directed to vacate this Report and Recommendation and return this file to the undersigned for further handling. If, however, no objections are filed, the Clerk shall forward this Report and Recommendation to the District Judge for disposition. Ballard v. Carlson, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989), cert. denied sub nom, Ballard v. Volunteers of America, 493 U.S. 1084 (1990) [Magistrate Judge’s prior explicit warning that a recommendation of dismissal would result from plaintiff failing to obey his order was proper grounds for the district court to dismiss suit when plaintiff did not comply despite warning].

The parties are also referred to the Notice Page attached hereto.



Bristow Marchant
United States Magistrate Judge

Columbia, South Carolina

August 28, 2008



Notice of Right to File Objections to Report and Recommendation

The parties are advised that they may file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation with the District Court Judge. Objections must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections are made and the basis for such objections. In the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must “only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2005).

Specific written objections must be filed within ten (10) days of the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The time calculation of this ten-day period excludes weekends and holidays and provides for an additional three (3) days for filing by mail. Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a) & (e). Filing by mail pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5 may be accomplished by mailing objections to:

Larry W. Propes, Clerk
United States District Court
901 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Failure to timely file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation will result in waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of the District Court based upon such Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984); *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985).

